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Hamilton Literary and Theological Institution
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Dear Brethren

We received a communication from you a considerable time ago, which we are sorry is not now at hand. We regret that so long delay has occurred in answering your communication. Such delay we promise shall not occur again. unavoidable circumstances have operated to produce this delay. but we hope you will excuse it. and not imitate our bad Example in replying to this Epistle. As well as can be recollected. you make inquiry. Concerning our Society and Institution. If the succeeding Statements will afford you any satisfaction. we will be pleased. that we have gratified you. they will at least afford a basis on which to found any questions you may please to put.

We were pleased with the kind feeling you manifest in the expression of your sentiments. they breathe the the air of Christian Charity. It is true we belong to different wings of the Army of the God of hosts, with distinct Sectional flags, but with one broad banner as our Common Ensign. bearing the inscription of the blood Stained banner of the Prince

of Peace, and with a common Enemy whose the black banner of the Prince of darkness, with whom to engage. Our objects are one and the same. We look to the ultimate conversion of the world. We anticipate the period when Satan no more shall rule, when Jesus Christ shall reign "where the sun doth his successive journey runs"

We each can go forward in our high and holy purpose, with no clashing interest. "The field is the world" Where there are honest differences of opinion, we must separate, but let us unite when we can, and assail with the whole strength of our force, the strong hold of our mighty adversary.

As the intimate knowledge of the feelings and spiritual condition of one brother in Christ, greatly strengthens the confidence of another, so with communities and societies On this principle we are desirous that you should become acquainted with us and we with you. The general interests of our Society are as studiously sought after and promoted now as ever. Our Committees have been prompt and faithful in the investigation of the subjects submitted to them. Our Correspondence has unfortunately flagged, but we hope it is now under auspices (pairs) and likely to be more vigorously prosecuted. With the Institutions we have lately had but little intercourse (or communication) but are now rallying. From some of our members now laboring in far distant climes we are occasionally favored with communication

Our Society has a large representation in the heathen world
nearly all the present members of the Duston are members of
the Society of which there are about twenty five who also
belong to a foreign Mission Pledged association and about the same number to the
another association which pledges its members to labor
in the great Western Valley. We have rejoiced lately
in the indications of a Missionary spirit which pervades
the whole institution to a greater or less degree.

We regret that there is considerable complaint
with regard to coldness in religion yet we are not without
the hope that we are now wandering in darkness only
for a period that when the light does dawn upon us
it may be so resplendently glorious as to Enrapture
us with its effulgence. We hope you are in the
Enjoyment of all the graces of the Spirit We pray that
you may abound always in all good word and work

We shall send you a report from Society as
soon as published

Hoping to hear from you and assuring you of
greater punctuality hereafter

Yours in Gospel Bonds
"In behalf of the Society for Inquiry"
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